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Twinning: New per diem rates applicable from Friday 17 March 2017 onwards

The latest adjustment of the maximum rates of per diem allowances paid to experts on mission undertaken in the framework of an EU funded contract has been published by Directorate General Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid and is available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/perdiems-2017-03-17_en.pdf

The EuropeAid per diem rates are based on United Nations rates, which are set in accordance with country survey missions conducted by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).

The UN data are derived from price surveys of good commercial hotels and meal costs for the respective third countries, with an additional 15 per cent for incidental expenses. As United Nations rates are expressed in US dollars, EuropeAid maximum per diem rates are the result of a conversion into EUR.

Please find herewith for your easy reference the list with the adjusted rates specifically compiled for IPA and ENI beneficiaries.

For Twinning projects in Turkey, the arrangement decided in 2006 remains valid: the per diem applicable to all Twinning projects in Turkey is the one set for Istanbul.

*The new rates are applicable as of **Friday 17 March 2017**.*

It is reminded that the common Twinning manual (under section 5.6.2) clearly provides that the rate of the per diem can vary over the lifetime of a Twinning project. The date of the mission (first day of travel) determines the rate applicable to the whole mission.

Conversely, the subsistence allowance of RTAs is not subject to revision during the lifetime of the project.

The Manual also states that these per diem rates represent a maximum and that lower rates may also be applied.

EU Member State	Previous per diem rate in € as of 01/04/2015	New per diem rate in € as of 17/03/2017
Croatia	180	180

IPA Beneficiaries	Previous per diem rate in € as of 01/04/2015	New per diem rate in € as of 17/03/2017
Iceland	248	349
Montenegro	119	134
Serbia	158	158
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	160	158
Turkey	237 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)	222
Albania	180	180
Bosnia -Herzegovina	145	159
Kosovo*	158	158
ENI Beneficiaries	Previous per diem rate in € as of 01/04/2015	New per diem rate in € as of 17/03/2017
Algeria	303	332
Armenia	163	151
Azerbaijan	218	293
Belarus	250	208
Egypt	259	266
Georgia	174	198
Israel	356	361
Jordan	224	289
Lebanon	260	260
Libya	191	204
Moldova	171	139
Morocco	187	203
Palestine ¹	151	201
Russia Federation	410	251
Syria	173	185
Tunisia	142	141
Ukraine	286	290

**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence*

¹This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to individual positions of the Member States on this issue